

➤ **OLD SACRAMENTO WALKING TOURS**



**Underground Tours**

101 I Street, 95814 // 916.808.7059

<http://www.HistoricOldSac.org>

Hidden for 150 years, Old Sacramento's underground has long been the capital's best-kept secret. Excavate foundations & enclosed paths as you hear the devastation, perseverance and determination of early Californians. *Prepare to walk over uneven surfaces & under low ceilings and risk exposure to dust & mold during the 1-hr tour.* Apr-Nov, Thu-Sun Reservations req. Adult-only 1.5-hr date night tours added Sept-Oct 2011.



**Sacramento City: California's Gold Rush Legacy Tour**

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Navigate original and reconstructed Gold Rush era buildings to relive the legacy of Sacramento city as it was in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Donning period attire, your guide will bring to life miners to merchants, politicians, Pony Express riders, and railroad workers during the one-hour tour.



**Architectural Tour: From Canvas to Brick**

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Less interested in the people? More intrigued by the properties? Trace Sacramento's architectural history from the floods and fires to the Gold Rush, from the designation as state capital to the 1960's redevelopment. Bring your camera as the waterlogged tent city is transformed into the sturdy brick town you see today. Allow 1 hr.



**Ghost Tours**

101 I Street, 95814 // 916.808.7059

<http://www.HistoricOldSac.org>

Take an eerie journey back in time with the Old Sacramento Living History & the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation. Ghost stories recount how folks lived – and died – in the Gold Rush era. One-hour tours may include visits with murder victim Mary Shaw, star-crossed lovers, railroad robbers, as well as spookier, unsavory Sacramentans. Advance reservations are required. Ages 6 and older recommended.



**Private Themed Tours**

101 I Street, 95814 // 916.808.7059

<http://www.HistoricOldSac.org>

The Historic Old Sacramento Foundation can arrange a special themed tour by request. Topics can include, but are not limited to medicine, waterfront / Sacramento River history, political history, 1960's redevelopment, disaster & recovery. Minimum 8 per tour. Contact Janessa West ([jwest@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:jwest@cityofsacramento.org)).

➤ **OLD SACRAMENTO WALKING TOURS** CONTINUED



**Old Sacramento Hysterical History Tour**

Starts at the Pony Express monument (2<sup>nd</sup> & K sts), 95814 // 916.441.2527  
<http://www.hystericalwalks.com>

Laugh yourself silly as you take a hilarious look at Sacramento history. Myrtle Handpickel guides your experience. Unforgettable mysteries, thrills and surprises are sure to stretch your traditional image of the old town. Fri and Sat only. Reservations required. Private tours available any day or time for min. party of 15.



**Old Sacramento Hysterical Walk of the Dead**

Starts at the Pony Express monument (2<sup>nd</sup> & K sts), 95814 // 916.441.2527  
<http://www.hystericalwalks.com>

This isn't your typical ghost tour. Hear spooktacular ghost stories. Be captivated with lively music and entertaining ghoulish dances. Weave through shadowy alleys of Old Sacramento with guide, Leopold Handpickel. Fun for all ages. Fri and Sat only. Reservations required. Private tours available any day or time for min. party of 15.

➤ **YOUTH / STUDENT TOURS**



**Educational Discovery Tours**

PO Box 10200, Truckee, 96162 // 530.582.6030  
<http://www.educationaldiscoverytours.com>

EDT has been offering student travel opportunities for more than 40 years. Four Sacramento itineraries bring textbook readings to life. Choose from one-, two- or three-day adventures: One-day experiences cover California history and government, or the unique living history of the capital and Gold Country. Join the two-day history camp to study historic Sacramento and Gold Country. The three-day schedule features San Francisco on Day 3.

➤ **SACRAMENTO RIVER CRUISES**



**Hornblower Cruises**

1206 Front Street, 95814 // 916.446.1185  
<http://www.hornblower.com>

Sail the Sacramento River aboard the *Empress Hornblower*, a nod to the turn of the (20<sup>th</sup>) century paddleboats, or the sleek & modern *Capitol Hornblower*. The one-hour narrated cruise about the past to the present of California's capital features rare scenic views. Or opt for 2-3 hour dinner & dance or champagne brunch cruises.

➤ **DOWNTOWN SACRAMENTO SEGWAY TOUR**



**Hysterical Sacramento Tour**

Starts at the Clarion Hotel (700 16<sup>th</sup> St.), 95814 // 916.441.2527  
<http://www.hystericalwalks.com>

Segway personal transporters enable you to float by Cesar Chavez Plaza or along Capitol Park as you hear hysterical, historical narration.  
Route includes attractions in Old Sacramento and beyond.

Mark your place in Sacramento history as your guide photographs your group. Riders must be age 14+ and under 260 lb (118 kgs). Reservations required; min. 12-hr adv. booking. Allow two hours to include a 30-min. Segway training to ensure safety and fun. Helmets provided and required. Close-toed shoes suggested; no high heels.

➤ **DOWNTOWN VELOCAB TOURS**



**Sacramento Pedicab Tour**

Serving downtown and midtown neighborhoods // 916.498.9980  
<http://www.ridevelocab.com>

Velocab brings together Sacramentans who love cycling and visitors who appreciate zero-emission travel. Think Rickshaw 2.0. Taxis can carry up to 3 people, plus driver. Cruise from Old Sacramento to Sutter's Fort. Call to schedule a one to two hour tour for a flat-rate. Variable rate is \$2 first block + \$.50/blk. Tue-Sat, 6PM - midnight.

➤ **BICYCLE TOURS**



**Fast Eddie Bike Tours**

PO Box 188234, 95818 // 916.812.2712  
<http://www.fasteddiebiketours.com>

Owner and Sacramento native Ed Hakari offers fully guided and outfitted leisure cycling tours. Themes range from historic city attractions, to the American River Bike Trail, to Delta wine country. Up to 8 people per group. Customized tours available for a min. of 2. Allow 3-4 hrs; packages may include lunch and wine tasting. Riders must be age 16+. Tours run most days, weather permitting. Mar – Oct. Booked on demand; call or e-mail for reservation.



**Escape Travel Cycling Tours**

5160 Isador Lane, 95835 // 916.419.5203  
<http://www.escapetravelinc.com>

Escape specializes in cycling and active / adventure tours. Outfits round-trip transportation, rentals, and lunch. Provides custom and private tours to nearby wine country as well as the American River Parkway, the 'jewel of Sacramento.' Easy – moderate difficulty levels. Customized tours available for a minimum of 4. Allow 3-8 hours. Tours cover 15-23 mi (24-37 km). Reservations required.

➤ **DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS**



**Rich History & Dirty Little Secrets (Speakeasy Tour)**

Starts at River City Saloon (916 2<sup>nd</sup> St.) Sacramento, 95814 // 916.442.8575  
<http://downtownsac.org/venture-out/downtown-tours>

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. evening of each month, Shawn Peter of the Downtown Sacramento Partnership (DSP) guides thirsty people through Old Sacramento's speakeasies and watering holes on a two-hour tour. Learn about fascinating people and events from the city's early history as one of the 'wettest cities in the Union' regardless of Prohibition. Participants must be age 21+. Reservations required.



**Locally Grown, Internationally Known (Rock & Roll History Tour)**

Starts at Torch Club (904 15<sup>th</sup> St.) Sacramento, 95814 // 916.442.8575  
<http://downtownsac.org/venture-out/downtown-tours>

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays highlight Sacramento's contributions to contemporary popular music, beginning with the region's first FM radio station. Visit venues that launched careers of Tesla, Deftones, Cake, and connect you to the Stones, the Grateful Dead, even Nirvana. Pub crawl ends with live band karaoke at Marilyn's on K. Must be age 21+. Reservations req.



**Tales of the Central City**

Starts at Cesar Chavez Plaza (9<sup>th</sup> & J sts.), 95814 // 916.442.8575  
<http://downtownsac.org/venture-out/downtown-tours>

Forget tuition! Take a survey of early Sacramento history for less. Mike Munson guides you through one of California's oldest cities. Learn how Sacramento snagged the honor of state capital. Walk the original route of the famed, but short-lived Pony Express. See the influence of railroad's 'Big Four' on early urban planning. Fri – Sun.



**Structural Stories (Architectural Tour)**

Starts at Cesar Chavez Plaza (9<sup>th</sup> & J sts.), 95814 // 916.442.8575  
<http://downtownsac.org/venture-out/downtown-tours>

Grab your camera and practice your architectural photography skills. Shawn Peter leads a stroll through the ages. Downtown Sacramento is home to many styles: from Renaissance (Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament) to Art Deco (Crest Theatre) to Chicago School (Hotel Regis / Ambrosia Café). Tue - Thu.

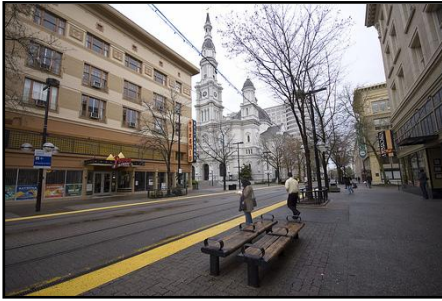


**Art is All Around Us (Art in Public Places Tour)**

Starts at Indo Arch (3<sup>rd</sup> & K sts.), 95814 // 916.442.8575  
<http://downtownsac.org/venture-out/downtown-tours>

Don't wait for Museum Day. Richard MacGill will point out the city's impressive collection of permanent works of art. See why open air galleries make the best exhibition spaces! Features art by notable local and regional artists. Developed in partnership with the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission. Tue – Thu.

➤ **DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS** CONTINUED



**Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow (K St. Commerce Tour)**

Starts at Delta King docks (Front & K sts.), 95814 // 916.442.8575

<http://downtownsac.org/venture-out/downtown-tours>

Start in Old Sacramento as you step off the *Delta King* paddleboat. Trace the city's commercial growth as you walk up K Street toward 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The first commercial district also served as a vaudeville and entertainment hotspot. Today the area is a hotbed of rumors for 21<sup>st</sup> Century redevelopment and urban in-fill projects. Tue-Fri.



**The Art of Terra Cotta (Architectural Tour)**

Starts at Cesar Chavez Plaza (9<sup>th</sup> & J sts.), 95814 // 916.442.8575

<http://downtownsac.org/venture-out/downtown-tours>

Mike Munson highlights the history of *terra cotta* as an architectural style, esp. at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The tour recognizes local clay artisans, Glading McBean. Since 1874 the Lincoln-based firm, now one of the region's best cultural & artistic assets, has created and exported tiles, pipes & sculpture worldwide. Sun, Mon, Wed.



**City of Trees Food & Cultural Tour**

Starts at Cesar Chavez Plaza (10<sup>th</sup> & J sts.), 95814 // 530.863.3159

<http://www.LocalRootsFoodTours.com>

Enough with the feast for your eyes. SAVOR Sacramento and join the stroll foods movement. The 3-hr walking tour includes food & drink tastings from unique eateries and farm-to-fork restaurants. Indulge in the capital's history as you explore neighborhoods block by block, bite by bite. Route includes Midtown. Ages 8+. Advanced purchase required. Tours depart daily, rain or shine.

➤ **MIDTOWN TOURS**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Art Walk**

<http://ow.ly/6jSof>

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month, many local galleries feature new art exhibits. Some arrange drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and live music – but the best is the opportunity to meet and speak with the artists. Galleries are concentrated in Midtown and Uptown (Del Paso Blvd.); more throughout the city can be found on Sacramento365.com. Get out for the arts & culture. Stay for people-watching or nightlife.

➤ **LAND PARK TOURS**



**Land Park Home Tour (Architectural / Design)**

Start at any home on the tour, Land Park // [info@landparkhometour.com](mailto:info@landparkhometour.com)

<http://www.landparkhometour.com>

Third Sunday in Sept. Benefits enrichment programs at area public schools & neighborhood beautification. The self-guided walking tour showcases seven renovated landmarks. Purchase tickets at Plaza Cervantes Park (Freeport Blvd. & 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.) or in advance.

➤ **EAST SACRAMENTO TOURS**



**Origins of Sacramento Food & Cultural (Walking) Tour**

Starts at Café Bernardo (2726 Capitol Ave.), 95814 // 530.863.3159

<http://www.LocalRootsFoodTours.com>

NEW tour! Dig deeper into Sacramento's roots – Sutter's *Nueva Helvecia* colony (now Midtown) to East Sacramento's Fab Forties. Learn how ethnic groups forged today's cosmopolitan capital and created its agricultural dominance. The 3-hr walking tour (2.5 mi) route passes landmarks and includes ethnic food & drink tastings. Meet the chefs! Age 8+. Adv. purchase req. Tours limited to 16.



**Sacred Heart Home Tour (Architectural / Design)**

Starting point varies year to year, East Sacramento, 95819 // 916.556.5050

<http://sacredheartometour.com>

The first weekend of December, this home tour benefits the Catholic parish school, Sacred Heart. The self-guided walking tour features 5 elegantly decorated homes in the charming Fabulous Forties neighborhood. Each year's selections showcase elaborate renovation, historic preservation, custom interior design & décor. The school (856 39<sup>th</sup> St.) houses a temporary café and gift shop. Allow 2 hrs. Purchase tickets at the starting point or in advance.



**East Sacramento Home Remodeling Tour**

Organized by Friends of East Sacramento // 916.452.8011

<http://ow.ly/6jQVg>

Held the third Sunday in Sept. the one-day event benefits area parks and neighborhood beautification. The self-guided walking tour debuts five or six finely renovated homes and outdoor entertaining spaces, ranging from traditional to contemporary to eclectic. Purchase tickets at the 1062 47<sup>th</sup> St. residence or in advance.



**East Sac Garden Tour (Landscaping / Architecture)**

Starting point varies year to year, East Sacramento // 916.556.5050

<http://www.davidlubingardentour.com>

In May on Mother's Day weekend to fund enrichment programs at public David Lubin Elem. School. The self-guided walking tour includes 7 gardens in tree-lined East Sacramento. School houses boutique; Sutter Lawn club houses Tea Garden for lunch. Purchase tickets at the information booth (40<sup>th</sup> & M sts.) or in advance.

➤ **TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED / SELF GUIDED TOURS**



**DiscoverGold.org Podcasts**

<http://www.discovergold.org/tertiary/podcast.cfm>

The SCVB offers two podcast tours. 'Getting to Know Sacramento' is an audio overview about ins & outs of the city. Before visiting the capitol, listen to pertinent information to get around like a seasoned traveler. 'Tour Old Sacramento' is flavored with stories about monumental people & events that have designated the historic area a National Landmark.



**Downtown Sacramento Scavenger Hunt App**

<http://ilovedowntownsac.com>

Now trending: gamification. Downtown Sacramento Partnership and its member businesses are engaging consumers with a mash-up app; SCVNGR sends iPhone and Android users on a scavenger hunt that is on Facebook-Foursquare steroids. Players download the FREE app and visit participating businesses to complete activities, answer questions and collect points. Top 3 with most points win prizes!



**Old Sacramento Scavenger Hunt App (Educational Mystery)**

Available on the App Store, <http://store.TrailMix.net>, or

<http://www.OldSacramentoScavengerHunt.com>

Education Expedition has created an app that is History class meets Amazing Race! This interactive, educational walking tour is the best way for families to explore Old Sacramento. Parents and kids must work together to solve the mystery of a 150-year-old letter. Solve all riddles to select a prize from the TrailMix.com treasure box.

Works on iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad.



**Sacramento's Historic Treasures (Architectural)**

<http://www.sacramentoheritage.org/walking.html>

Sacramento Heritage promotes & preserves the city's architectural legacy from Gold Rush buildings to Craftsman bungalows. SHI is creating self-guided walking tours, complete with maps. The first focuses on the J-K Commercial corridor within the central business district. Site includes Sacramento County Historical Society Tour of K St., 7<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> sts: <http://ow.ly/6K9eg>



**Sacramento Old City Cemetery Walking Tour**

1000 Broadway, 95818 // 916.448.0811

<http://www.oldcitycemetery.com>

Download the walking tour from Sacramento Heritage: <http://ow.ly/6Ka4V>. California pioneers' resting place is adorned with beautiful statues, dramatic markers, and Victorian garden sensibilities. Est. in 1849 this outdoor museum illustrates the diversity of people from the Gold Rush, the 1850 cholera epidemic, the Civil War and beyond. Docents at times. Lantern tours in Oct. Open Fri-Tue except holidays.

➤ **TECHNOLOGY ENHANCED / SELF GUIDED TOURS** CONTINUED



**Sacramento Bungalow Walking Tour (Architectural)**

<http://www.sacramentoheritage.org/walking.html>

Download the tour from Sacramento Heritage: <http://ow.ly/6Kap1>. Published in 1998, the map cites several Midtown and East Sacramento houses. The Arts & Crafts Movement arrived in the capital in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century, but the bungalow and its casual style flourished between 1900 and 1920 in a variety: Craftsman, California, and Prairie.



**Boulevard Park Walking Tour (Architectural)**

<http://www.sacramentoheritage.org/walking.html>

Download the tour from Sacramento Heritage: <http://ow.ly/6Kb0M>. Published in 1994, the map features homes and landmarks in this Midtown niche. This neighborhood was once the location of the Calif. State Fairgrounds. Today it's an eclectic mix of boutique businesses, from yoga studios to coffeeshops and restaurants, not to mention the 'haunted house' at H & 22<sup>nd</sup> streets.



**Curtis Park Walking Tours (Architectural)**

<http://www.sacramentoheritage.org/walking.html>

Sacramento Heritage, Inc. actually features three maps of what is traditionally one of the well-heeled neighborhoods in the capital: Curtis Oaks, South Curtis Oaks, and St. Francis Oaks. Most homes were built between 1910 & 1940. Architectural styles include Tudor, Spanish Colonial, American Foursquare and Italian Renaissance Revival. The South Curtis Neighborhood Association organizes a one-day annual home and garden tour in April.



**Central Oak Park Walking Tour (Historical)**

<http://www.sacramentoheritage.org/walking.html>

Download the map from Sacramento Heritage: <http://ow.ly/6KaDH>. Sacramento State University Professor Robin Datel led this walking tour in 2007. We recommend simply viewing the historical photographs that appear as a Flickr set, courtesy of the Center for Sacramento History: <http://ow.ly/6KaTx>.